

ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY

CONTEXT

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (eg cashews), cow's milk, shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

The key to prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge of those students who have been diagnosed at risk, awareness of triggers (allergens) and prevention of exposure to these triggers.

Ministerial Order 706 states that all schools with a child or young person at risk of Anaphylaxis is required to establish appropriate management guidelines.

VALUES

Cooperation, Responsibility, Healthy lifestyle, Safety

POLICY

Killester College will follow the guidelines from Ministerial Order 90 for the implementation of individual management plans for those students who suffer anaphylaxis reactions.

Anaphylaxis Management Procedures

School Responsibility - Killester College

- acknowledges that both students and the school share the responsibility.
- will have Medical Alerts and individual management plans for students known to be in danger of anaphylactic reactions.
- will train relevant staff in the use of Adrenaline Auto Injectors every six months as per Ministerial Order 706.
- will increase student and staff awareness of the dangers of anaphylactic reactions.
- will conduct twice yearly briefings on anaphylaxis management to all staff.
- will complete the Anaphylaxis Risk Management Checklist on an annual basis.
- will provide storage of and access to an individual's prescribed Adrenaline Auto Injector as provided by the family, the location of which will be the First Aid Room.
- will ensure a generic back-up Adrenaline Auto Injector is kept at school for emergency situations and is located in the First Aid Room for general use if the need arises.

- will display the relevant photos and plans for individual students in the front office, staffroom, canteen and food rooms. *This will be the responsibility of the office staff under the direction of the School Coordinator.*
- will ensure that individual management plans of all students are reviewed annually. *This is responsibility of the office staff under the direction of the School Coordinator.*
- will plan and ensure that all relevant staff are regularly trained in the recognition of Anaphylaxis triggers including any other appropriate safety and preventative measures. *This will include the appropriate use of Adrenaline Auto Injectors. This is the role of the School Coordinator.*
- will ensure students suffering from anaphylaxis reaction are flagged as such on the SAS database. *This is the responsibility of the Office staff.*
- will provide Level Coordinators with a list of flagged anaphylaxis students at the commencement of each school year or when an individual student's medical circumstances warrant it. *This is the responsibility of the office staff.*
- will provide relevant medical information, in respect to students tagged as having anaphylaxis reactions, to staff, at the commencement of the school year. *This is the responsibility of the relevant Level Coordinator.*
- will ensure a hardcopy of the online resources is filed in the front office (masterfile). *This is the responsibility of the office staff.*
- will ensure the aims and objectives of this policy are to be evaluated annually by the School Coordinator.
- will ensure the generic back-up Adrenaline Auto Injector is taken to whole school off-site events.

Family Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the family to ensure an Adrenaline Auto Injector is accessible at school at all times. This includes when a student may leave the school for excursions.

A student carries their Adrenaline Auto Injector with them at all times, including on Camps, Excursions and off-site activities.

A second Adrenaline Auto Injector is provided to the college when a student attends an overnight camp.

Other related policies or documents

Asthma Management

Ministerial Order 706

Video Presentation. www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/health/Pages/anaphylaxis.aspx

Anaphylaxis Guidelines: <http://cevn.cecv.catholic.edu.au> Under Curriculum & Student

Support/Student Wellbeing

School Policy and Advisory Guide.

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/anaphylaxisschl.aspx